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WPS ARRIVES!

January 4 and 5, 1996 marked the arrival of the much awaited ten WPS machines and ten additional WPS accounts. Thirty PCs have since been installed or relocated, upgrading all contract personnel to a minimum 386/25 Mhz with 4 Mb RAM. All 286 PCs have been excessed. All new WPS users have received WPS training.

The users who received only IDs need access to WPS machines. Rather than invoking the Secure WPS option, personnel with WPS hardware are asked to exit WPS and either turn off their PC or leave it at the WPS login screen when leaving the area for an extended period of time. Use of the Secure WPS option prohibits other users from accessing their accounts. Also WPS users are urged to transfer any necessary files and notify an IM group member when your DG account can be deleted.

SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT REQUEST FORM

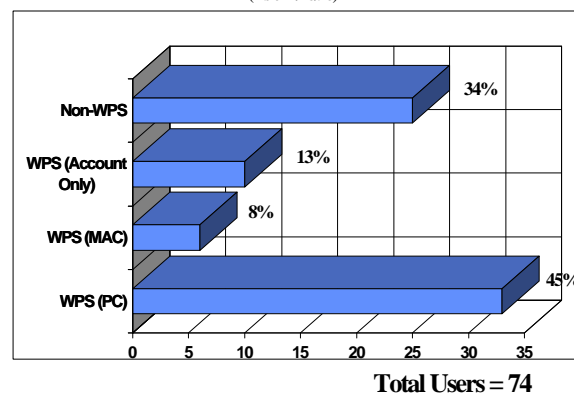
Information Management is providing contract personnel a boilerplate form for requesting software development. The form may be revised by the Decision Support System (DSS) Working Group (WG) for use by both the S&MA contractor and civil service organizations. A copy of the Application/Database Request Form is attached. Contractor personnel may use the form immediately to request software development support. Submit the form electronically to Teresa Durette; submit hard copies in the Problem/Request Form In Box on the counter of room 2207.

THANKS!

Information Management would like to thank the functional area representatives on the Hardware/Software Standardization and Allocation (HW/SW S&A) Quality Improvement Team (QIT) for supplying information that was used to reallocate equipment upon the arrival of the WPS machines. The team members provided component information for the PCs within the functional area represented. This information was used to determine necessary upgrades and PCs to be excessed.

HEI WPS Account Status

(As of 1/26/96)



WORD VIRUS SCAN REMINDER

For your protection, set up and execute the WORD virus scanning software on your WPS main menu. The virus has been detected on several occasions. Once executed, the scanning software detects and eradicates the virus from all WORD documents. To run the WPS Utility:

1. Use the WPS Profile Editor.
2. Click on the Utilities button at the top.
3. Select the "Word Macro Virus Utility" service.
4. Click on the Add button.
5. Close the Profile Editor.
6. From the WPS Panel, open the Utilities panel.
7. Double click "Word Macro Virus Utility."
8. Follow the directions on the screen.

HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE ANNOUNCEMENTS

DEMONSTRATIONS

On February 7, 1996, the following demonstrations will be made at the next Webmasters meeting:

- Using cgi scripts to invoke Interactive Data Language (IDL);
- Performing Oracle database lookups for Thermal Ion Dynamics Experiment (TIDE) on board POLAR; and
- Sun Microsystems' Hot Java product.

The MIC Room of building 4207 is reserved from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. to allow adequate time for informal discussion.

TIPS

- Remember, log off WPS and either turn your machine off or leave the login menu on the screen when leaving the area for an extended time. WPS users without WPS machines may need to use the equipment.
- When transferring files from the DG to WPS, you may find it easier to simply mail the files to yourself than to follow the lengthy file transfer protocol. Contact T. Durette for information regarding the processes.

REQUEST FORM SUMMARY

TO DATE

124	Total Requests Submitted
98	Requests Closed

OTHER HW/SW INFO

- Lview and Adobe Acrobat Reader have been added on the CUI of the HP based in the Computer Lab (room 2208). Lview is used to view jpeg, gif and bmp files and is available free from WPS. It is located in the directory f:\viewers\lview\lview31.exe. Adobe Acrobat Reader is another free viewer available from Adobe at:
<http://www.adobe.com/Software/Acrobat>. These viewers can be configured for both file manager and the Web browser on the user's machine. For assistance in downloading these files and configuring the viewers, see Elizabeth Hill.
- The Payload Safety Review Panel application is now located on the Payload Safety home page, which is a subset of the Safety page on the WWW. The Open Problem List is now located on the Problem Assessment Center (PAC) home page.
- Information Management is assuring the inclusion of all HEI/RSSC personnel on the x.500 gateway, which provides MSFC personnel an Internet address.
- Government computing equipment is to be used only in the direct performance of assigned duties. IM recently completed an audit to remove inappropriate software from government issued PCs. Another audit will be conducted in six months to ensure that the PCs remain free of inappropriate software. In the meantime, the PC or Macintosh sitting on your desk is your responsibility.
- IM recently increased the size of the print spool disk volume on msfc_sma2 to alleviate an "out of disk space" error that would occur when certain users printed to the network printer. The error condition would disrupt normal network operation for all users connected to msfc_sma2. No further interruptions have been noted.
- An IM Technical Library has been set up for use by contract employees in room 2206. Please return magazines within 2 days!

APPLICATION/DATABASE REQUEST FORM

NAME/DEPT. or ORG. CODE: _____
DATE: _____ BLDG./ROOM # _____ PHONE: _____
PROPOSED TITLE: _____

SUPPORT TYPE: _____ # USERS _____/TYPE: _____ CLASSIFICATION: _____
C = change existing system M = multi-user A = deliverable
D = develop new system (# simultaneous _____) B = non-deliverable (LAN-based)
S = single-user C = non-deliverable (PC-based)

USER TYPES/# OF EACH: _____ NEED DATE: _____
Read/Write Yes (#) _____/No _____
Read Only Yes (#) _____/No _____
EXPECTED VOLUME OF DATA: _____

SYSTEM PURPOSE or DESCRIPTION OF CHANGE (include input data, output data/attach additional sheets & examples as necessary):

COORDINATION/COMMUNICATION WITH ORGS./SYSTEMS/CENTERS (Explain):

BENEFITS: _____

JUSTIFICATION: _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY IM GROUP:

CONSTRAINTS/LIMITATIONS: _____

AVAILABLE HW/SW: _____

PREFERRED HW/SW: _____

DEVELOPER/PROGRAMMER USE ONLY:

APPLICATION NAME: _____

DEV. LANGUAGE: _____
PROGRAMMER: _____
PROGRAM START DATE: _____

APPROVAL OF REQUEST:

FUNCTIONAL MGR/DATE: _____

IM MGR/DATE: _____

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HW/SW UPDATE
PROCUREMENT CYCLE

1/29/96